

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for discovering and configuring network devices into a cluster, comprising the steps of:
 - detecting discovery packets from candidate devices;
 - applying qualification rules to said discovery packets received from said candidate devices to determine whether any of said candidate devices is qualified to join said cluster, and;
 - adding one or more said candidate devices to said cluster.

- 2.-57. (Cancelled)

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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